

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:
My name is Santa D. Vasquez; I am from the Dominican Republic, a single mother of three minor children.

I stand in support of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. Expanding access to HUSKY up to age 18 regardless of immigration status is an important step in ensuring our immigrant community has access to the healthcare we need. But our work doesn't end with expanding access up to age 18; we need to open access to HUSKY and healthcare to all immigrants of any age, including parents and adults.

I came to this country just one year ago. My kids do not have health insurance as we do not have immigration status yet, it has been hard for me to afford health medical insurance because all I have is a part time job and I have to pay my rent, utilities and food.

I really like the idea of your initiative to help the children of undocumented people since health is very important for the life of every human being. I support S.B. 284 and I ask the committee to support and pass this legislation. Looking forward, I ask the committee to work towards opening access to all immigrants regardless of age.

Thanks for your support,
Santa Vasquez